



## SANDY K. BARUAH

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Sandy K. Baruah was nominated by President Bush on September 6, 2005 to serve as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. Additionally, President Bush announced his intention to designate Mr. Baruah as Acting Assistant Secretary on September 15, 2005. He is currently awaiting confirmation by the United States Senate.

Mr. Baruah has served the Bush Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce since 2001. He served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Operations at the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and currently serves as EDA's Chief of Staff as well as Acting Assistant Secretary. Sandy's role is to lead and manage the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, the domestic economic development arm of the Commerce Department. The mission of EDA is to *lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy*. EDA's annual investment budget for fiscal year 2005 is over \$200 million and the bureau has an investment portfolio under management of \$1.5 billion. In addition to its headquarters in Washington, D.C., EDA has six regional offices across the nation with 170 professional employees.

As Chief of Staff and Acting Assistant Secretary, Sandy Baruah functions as the principle representative of EDA to both internal and external audiences and serves as a senior advisor to the Secretary of Commerce on domestic economic development matters. He represents the agency before the White House, the Congress, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, France, and other forums on a broad range of economic development issues. In addition, he serves as the Secretary's representative to Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the President's 'Preserve America' Initiative.

In addition to his day-to-day leadership responsibilities, Sandy is the agency's point person on implementing the President's Management Agenda, which is President Bush's innovative effort to bring accountability and strong performance measurement principles to the Federal Government. As part of this effort, Mr. Baruah leads EDA's Balanced Scorecard effort, which provides a framework for EDA's strategic vision and establishes performance measurements. EDA was inducted into the Balanced Scorecard Hall of Fame in 2004.

Prior to joining President Bush's team at the Commerce Department, Sandy spent seven years with Portland, Oregon-based corporate management consulting firm Performance Consulting Group. As a business consultant, he worked on engagements with clients such as Walt Disney World, Intel, Key Bank, Citizens Bank and others.

Sandy Baruah's previous government service includes work with U.S. Senator Bob Packwood and service to the Bush "41" Administration, with positions in the office of the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of the Interior. He is married to Lisa with a son, Isaac. The Baruah's currently live in Washington, D.C, but still consider Portland, Oregon home.